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June 12, 1964

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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

On 23 March, I had asked Dr. Wheelon for a resume of all CIA studies, excluding (S)NRO funded, having to do with the (TS)NRP. On 18 April, General Carter acknowledged for Dr. Wheelon stating it was a good idea and we would get together after 27 April. On 15 May, I again requested a meeting during the week of 25 May. In a subsequent conversation with General Carter regarding this and several other unanswered requests for certain information, the response was "Why worry about it -- the FIAB is going to straighten everything out".

In the meantime, both Dr. Fubini and I have had separate indications that Dr. Wheelon is contracting for satellite system and sub-system studies with probable explicit instructions to the contractors not to give the (S)DNRO or DDR&E any information regarding the source of the request for study.

This morning [redacted] put on a briefing of their study efforts on overall satellite systems plus communications and photo readout schemes that they are conducting at this time. (Memorandum for Record attached)

In view of these circumstances, I have taken a calculated action in writing the attached memorandum to Mr. McCone so that he may be aware of my request for this type of information.

[redacted]

Brockway McMillan
Director
(S)National Reconnaissance Office

Attachments
Memorandum for Record
Memorandum for Mr. McCone

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cc: Secretary of Defense

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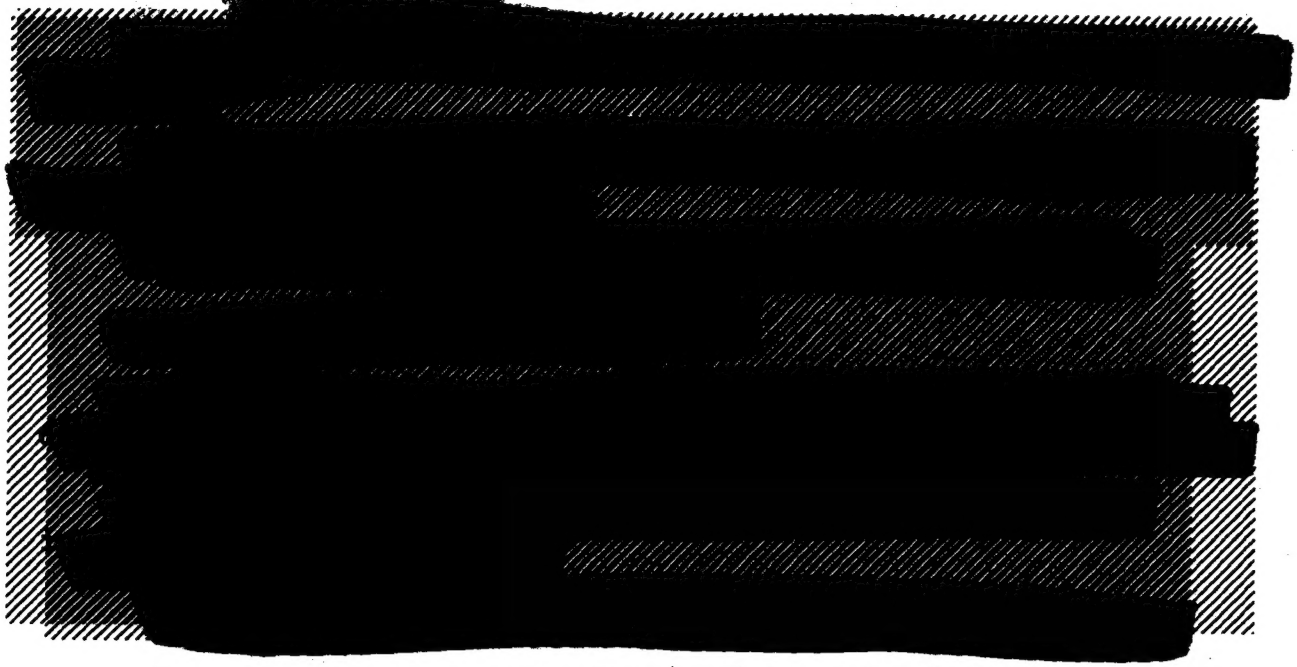
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Dr. Fubini and I received a briefing today by Mr. [redacted] and two other representatives o[redacted]ining in general terms an area of study in which the [redacted]rganization has been engaged. Subjects of study included [redacted]



Conceptual systems were discussed in general terms. Except for a few conclusions about attitude control and data transmission, no specific technical facts were made available.

M[redacted]ted that some of the studies he had described had been done on company funds, and he identified the studies on data transmission as funded under Air Force contracts from Wright Field. He said that he was not permitted to reveal the source of funds for the remaining studies and was not permitted to discuss the results of these studies.

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It is my judgment that most of the material outlined by Mr. [redacted] is of direct interest and importance to the (S) NRO. It is also my judgment that a considerable portion of the work involved duplicates current or past studies funded by the Government and done under the cognizance of the (S) NRO. It was not possible to judge the contribution of the [redacted] studies in comparison to the efforts which they potentially duplicate.

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Director
(S) National Reconnaissance Office

cc - Mr. Vance
Dr. Fubini

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Jan 14, 1954

Dear Mr. McCone:

I would like a listing of all of the CIA contracts now active for the study or development of systems, subsystems, equipment, or techniques that relate to the use of satellites for the collection of intelligence.

Sincerely,

Roswell Gilpatric
Director
(3) National Reconnaissance Office

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